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(54) **A shake preventing construction for a terminal fitting and connector**

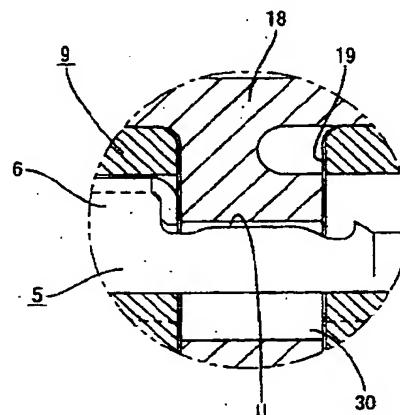
(57) [Object]

To prevent a fine sliding abrasion between terminal fittings.

[Solution]

When a terminal retainer 15 is mounted in a full locking position in a housing 9, a terminal locking portion 18 formed on the terminal retainer 15 comes into contact with the upper edges of receiving pieces U of female terminal fittings 5. Since the female terminal fittings 5 are so held as not to shake in cavities 16, a problem of fine sliding abrasion can be solved. Further, since the receiving piece U is formed before barrel portions 12, 13, it is not influenced by a variation of the outer diameter of a wire W to be connected. Therefore, the terminal locking portion 18 can be securely brought into contact with the receiving pieces U. Moreover, the terminal retainer 15 is integrally or unitarily formed with a terminal locking portion 18 for engaging connecting portions 6 of the female terminal fittings 5 for locking. Since a spacing between the terminal locking portion 18 and the front-stop wall 28 is set equal to the entire length of the connecting portions 6 of the female terminal fittings 5, the terminal locking portion 18 can be engaged with the rear ends of the connecting portions 6 while being held in close contact therewith.

FIG. 19



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